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### Community News You Can Use

McMinn County Administrator of Elections, TeAnna McKinney, reports that the McMinn County Election Commission mailed new voter registration cards to voters in Precinct 1 Athens City Intermediate School (Previously City Park Precinct), Precinct 9 E.G. Fisher Public Library (Previously Ingleside School Precinct) & Precinct 12 Allen Memorial United Methodist Church (Previously North City School Precinct). Voters in these areas should be receiving new voter registration cards within the next 7-10 days. If you are in one of these precincts and don't receive a card from the election commission, please call their office at 423-745-0843 or come by their office located at 6 E. Madison Ave., Athens, on the ground floor of the McMinn County Courthouse. The last day to register to vote is February 5<sup>th</sup> for the Republican or Democratic Primaries to be held on "Super Tuesday" March 5<sup>th</sup>. Also, if you have a name or address change it can be changed online at [GoVoteTN.gov](http://GoVoteTN.gov) or by coming into the office on or before February 27<sup>th</sup>. After the 27<sup>th</sup> it can be changed at your precinct location, but it is much easier if it is done by February 27<sup>th</sup>. Early Voting begins at the McMinn County Courthouse location on February 14<sup>th</sup> through February 27<sup>th</sup>. The Athens Regional Park Conference Center location will be Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

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### Community News (Continued)

Hours will be: Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:30 pm, Saturday 9:00 am-12 Noon. All Saturday voting will be at the McMinn County Courthouse. Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> The Athens Regional Conference Center location will open at 10:00 am. If you have any questions, please contact the McMinn County Election Commission or visit their website at <https://www.mcmminnelections.com>  
✓The Good Faith Clinic will be open Tuesday, January 9 at 3 p.m. for refills and at 3:30 p.m. for doctor visits. The Good Faith Clinic is free primary health care for residents of McMinn and Meigs counties, ages of 18-64, who do not have any form of medical insurance, including TennCare. The clinic meets on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 S Congress Parkway in Athens. **REMINDER:** The Good Faith Clinic is open the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday of each month.  
✓The Athens City Council Study Session meets TODAY, January 8 at 6 p.m.

**LISTENING REMINDER:** This week's guest on Main Street Moments will be Stanley Blair, representing W.E. Burke's Sunday Morning Gospel Music Jubilee. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

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## Obituaries

♦**Sally Beatrice Gossett Bidwell**, longtime resident of McMinn County, passed away on Friday, January 5. She is of the Baptist faith and is a member of Mt. Harmony Baptist Church. At Sally's request, there will be no formal services. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Sally Beatrice Gossett Bidwell.

♦**Doris "D. L." Brown**, age 84 of Athens passed away Saturday, January 6 at his residence. He was a native and resident of McMinn County most of his life. He was a member of Eastanallee Baptist Church and was retired from HT Hackney after 31 years of service. He was very active on the Board of Tri County Center for many years, member of Nocutula Civitan Club and was a member of the Lions Club while living in Waynesville, N. C. His life was dedicated to his Lord having served in many roles in the church. Funeral services will be at 2:00 P.M. Monday in the Chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. Interment will be at 11:00 A.M. Thursday in McMinn Memory Gardens. Visitation will be from 12:00-2:00 P.M. on Monday in the funeral home. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Arrest Report

### From The McMinn County Justice Center

**Benjamin Branam**, 50 of Athens, was charged by APD with DUI. No bond.

**Zachary Pierce**, 29 of Athens, charged by APD with possession of meth and drug paraphernalia. \$7000 bond.

**David Murphy**, 28 of Etowah, charged by MCSO with violation of probation - shoplifting. \$746.45 bond.

**John Statkus**, 53 of Athens, charged by APD with aggravated domestic assault. \$15,000 bond.

**Breanna Rainey**, 26 of Sweetwater, charged by APD with theft of property, possession of schedule II meth for resale, drug paraphernalia, possession of prohibited weapons, violation of registration laws, failure to have insurance. \$38,000 bond.

**Rafael Sales**, 42 of Athens, charged by APD with driving on revoked license and failure to have insurance. No bond.

**Oris Shelton**, 56 of Athens, charged by MCSO with state violation of probation - theft of property, violation of probation misdemeanor - McMinn County, violation of probation misdemeanor - Monroe County and introducing contraband into a penal facility. \$5000 bond.

**Kyle Barnes**, 31 of Chattanooga, charged by MCSO with possession of schedule II meth, schedule II fentanyl, schedule II cocaine, schedule VI marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. \$40,000 bond.

The accused are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered from public sources.



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